March 18, 2020

The Honorable Jovita Carranza Administrator U.S. Small Business Administration 409 3rd Street, SW Washington, D.C. 20416

Dear Administrator Carranza:

Governor DeWine recently sent you a letter and application for the State of Ohio to qualify for the Economic Injury Disaster Loan program. This program would provide essential support to small businesses and non-profit organizations across Ohio that are currently unable to access funding.

While Ohio's small businesses and nonprofits are resilient, it is critical we act quickly to ensure they have the necessary economic support to overcome the significant challenges created by this public health crisis. We urge you to immediately approve this application and determine eligibility for small businesses and nonprofits so that they can access the funding they need to survive the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic and the resulting economic fallout.

Our offices stand ready to assist the Small Business Administration and the State of Ohio with this process.

Sincerely,

Sherrod Brown U.S. Senator

Rob Portman U.S. Senator